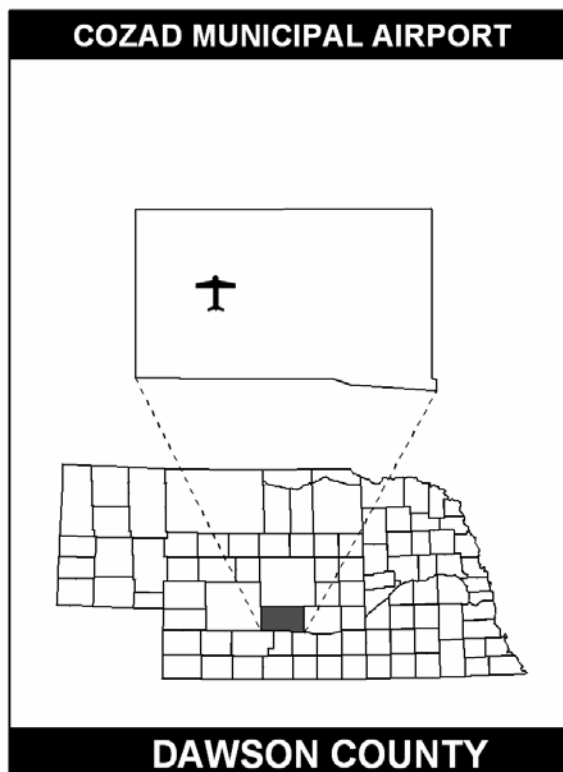


Airport Location

Cozad Municipal Airport is located one mile northwest of Cozad, Nebraska, in Dawson County. Cozad has a population of 4,219. The 299-acre airport opened in 1949. The primary Runway 13/31 is a concrete surface measuring 4,201 feet in length and 75 feet in width. Major employers in the community include Tenneco/Monroe, Paulsen Inc., Valley Vending Service, Inc. and Nebraska Plastics. Local attractions include the 100th Meridan Museum, and the Robert Henri Museum and Historical Walkway.

The airport, with 23 based aircraft, experiences approximately 9,062 aircraft operations annually.

**Economic Impact**

Economic impacts at an airport are measured through employment, payroll, and output (spending). On-airport business and government activities (direct impacts) account for a significant

portion of an airport's first round economic benefits. Additional first round benefits are also linked to visitors who arrive via the State's system of airports (indirect impacts). Spending by these visitors supports additional employment and associated annual payroll. These first round impacts create additional spin-off benefits that ripple through the economy. The secondary or induced benefits were measured with Nebraska-specific IMPLAN multipliers. When combined, first round and secondary benefits equal the total economic impact associated with each airport.

First Round Impact

In 2002, there were two aviation-related tenants on the airport, including airport management, who supported seven employees. These tenants' direct or first round employment, payroll, and output impacts were derived from survey data. Direct output from all on-airport aviation-related tenants is estimated at \$685,100 annually. The estimated direct annual payroll of these tenants is \$205,000. Operational data indicated that approximately 1,280 visitors used the airport. Visitor-related spending supported an additional three full-time jobs for employees earning over \$43,000 annually. Indirect output from general aviation visitors is estimated at \$69,100.

Secondary Impact

The first round impacts associated with on-airport tenants and general aviation visitors also create secondary impacts throughout the State. Secondary impacts are induced impacts calculated using the Nebraska specific IMPLAN multipliers. The accompanying table presents the 2002 first round, secondary, and total impacts for output, payroll, and employment as they relate to on-airport tenants and general aviation visitors.

Total Impact

For 2002, the total output (including first round and secondary impacts) stemming from all on-airport tenants and general aviation visitors to Cozad Municipal Airport was approximately \$1.13 Million. Total full-time employment related to airport tenants and general aviation visitors, including all secondary impacts, is estimated at approximately 16 persons, with a total annual payroll (first round and secondary) of approximately \$375,100 associated with these jobs.

Other Benefits

In addition to the economic benefits described above, Cozad Municipal Airport provides several services to the local community. The airport caters mainly to recreational and corporate users. Businesses that use the airport frequently include Valley Vending Service and Monroe Auto Equipment. The airport's Fixed Base Operator (FBO) maintains and repairs aircraft, while offering a number of services for pilots. The FBO also offers aerial application services during the growing season. The airport accommodates a significant amount of activity from emergency personnel, such as firefighting, physician transport, and air ambulance flights.

A survey of over 100 hospitals in Nebraska gathered data to obtain information relating to how often hospitals use airports in Nebraska to bring specialists from out of the area, as well as how often airports are used for patient transfer. Survey data indicated Cozad Community Hospital uses aircraft 29 times per year on average for emergency patient transfer via air ambulance.

The airport hosts an annual open house, and provides space for the Cozad Gun Club.

Summary

On an annual basis, Cozad Municipal Airport currently provides the following total benefits:

Cozad Municipal Airport			
EMPLOYMENT			
	First Round	Secondary	Total
On-Airport Activity	7	5	12
GA Visitors	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>
Total	10	6	16
PAYROLL			
	First Round	Secondary	Total
On-Airport Activity	\$205,000	\$101,900	\$306,900
GA Visitors	<u>\$43,400</u>	<u>\$24,800</u>	<u>\$68,200</u>
Total	\$248,400	\$126,700	\$375,100
OUTPUT			
	First Round	Secondary	Total
On-Airport Activity	\$685,100	\$334,300	\$1,019,400
GA Visitors	<u>\$69,100</u>	<u>\$42,000</u>	<u>\$111,100</u>
Total	\$754,200	\$376,300	\$1,130,500

Source: Wilbur Smith Associates & IMPLAN multipliers

In a year's time, capital improvement-related construction spending at airports in Nebraska typically produce the following impacts:

Construction Impacts - Per \$100,000 in CIP Spending			
	First-Round Impact	Secondary Impact	Total Impact
Employment	1.8	2.3	4.1
Payroll	\$55,264	\$41,206	\$96,470
Output	\$100,000	\$70,250	\$170,250

Source: Wilbur Smith Associates, Inc. & IMPLAN multipliers